Condemned LPG cylinders

499. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stock of condemned LPG cylinders with the I.O.C.'s Shakurbastri Depot;

(b) what procedure is being followed for destroying these condemned cylinders;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that from Shakurbasti Depot genuine cylinders are blackmarketed and these are replaced by the plant officials from the condemned lot; and

(d) if so, what measures have been taken to see that the condemned cylinders which are sent to the Shakurbasti Depot are destroyed and whether supervision is proposed to be exercised while destroying the cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) 453 LPG cylinders as on 1-4-86.

(b) and (d) Before the disposal of rejected/condemned LPG cylinders as scrap, complete particulars in respect of them are recorded and in the presence of an officer of the Corporation, they are deshaped by flattening in a hydraulic press.

(c) No, Sir.

Shortage of cooking gas in Calcutta

500. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the English Daily *Telegraph*, dated the 31st March, 1986 to the effect that Calcutta faces severe cooking gas shortage;

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into the matter and what are its findings; and

(c) what is the normal supply of gas cylinders per day in Calcutta and whether it is a fact that in the middle of January 1986 on an average only 3,000 cylinders per day were in supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Indian Oil Corporation are marketing LPG in Calcutta. HPC consumers faced some backlog in supplies during the last quarter of 1985 which was cleared by January, 1986. A backlog in supplies to IOC consumers existed during February and March, 1986. These backlogs were caused by IR problems, transport bottlenecks resulting from heavy rains, operational problems etc. Suitable steps for clearing the backlogs were taken by the companies.

(c) In January 1986, as against the normal requirement of 10,000-11,000 cylinders per day, the actual supply by IOC and HPC on an average was around 9,500 cylinders a day.

प्लास्टिक उपभोक्ता एककों को इण्डोथोन और प्रालोप्रोपाइलीन का आवंटन

501. श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1984–85 और 1985–86 के वर्षों के दौरान देश के प्लास्टिक की खपत करने वाले एककों को इंडियन पेट्रो-केमिकल्स प्राइवेट लिमिटेड, बड़ौदा ने इण्डोथोन और प्रोलोप्रोपाइलीन का आवंटन नहीं किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

रसायन और पेट्रो-रसायन विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० के० जयचन्द्र सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं । इंडियन पेट्रोकैमिकल्स कारपोरेशन लि० वर्ष 1984–85 और 1985–86 में विभिन्न प्लास्टिक उपभोक्ता एककों को इन्डोथेन और प्रोलीप्रोपीलीन की आपूर्ति करते रहे हैं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

नए कोयला डिपुओं को कोयले और कोक की सप्लाई न किया जाना

502. श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1984 और 1985 के वर्षों के दौरान संबंधित राज्यों द्वारा स्वीकृत किए गए नए कोयला डिपुओं को कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड कोयला और कोक सप्लाई नहीं कर रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री वसंत साठे) : (क) और (ख) किसी भी नए डिपो को कोयला नहीं दिया जा रहा है क्योंकि कोयला विभाग यह चाहता है कि ऐसे डिपो के काम-काज की निगरानी के लिए, राज्य सरकारें कोयले के वितरण और प्रायोजन का काम अपने हाथ में ले लें । जब राज्य सरकारें यह जिम्मेदारी अपने ऊपर ले लेंगी तब ऐसे डिपो को कोयला सप्लाई कर दिया जाएगा ।

Coal purchased by Bihar Electricity Board

503. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal purchased by Bihar Electricity Board contains large quantity of stones;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the boilers were damaged by the use of such coal;

(c) whether it is a fact that many officers have been charge-sheeted, but so far no punishment has been awarded; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No Sir.

(b) There is no information about damage caused to the boilers by using such coal.

(c) and (d) To improve the quality of coal a number of measures have been taken such as (i) construction of Coal Handling Plants (ii) breaking up of oversized coal and segregation of extraneous material by manual means where CHPs do not exist; (iii) setting up of an independent quality control organisation in each coal company; and (iv) authorising Coal Controller to determine the grades of coal seems in the mines as also of the coal supplied to the consumers and for these purposes to take sample and arrange for the testing of coal *suo-moto* or if any complaint in this regard is made by any consumers.

The Power Houses have been asked to witness the loading of wagons and register immediate complaints. the Coal Controller to determine the weekly monitoring of quality complaints is being done in this Deptt. As a result of investigation of complaints disciplinary action has been taken against a number of persons in Central Coalfields Ltd. and other coal companies.

Exploration in North Bihar

504. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any exploration has been made to find out petroleum and natural gas in North Bihar; and